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This letter is in response to the remand by the <u>Board Of Appeals and Interferences</u>, dated June 22, 1999, to the primary examiner to consider if the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), submitted May 17, 1999, is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. Additionally this letter addresses a second IDS, submitted, February 25, 2000, and a Status Inquiry Letter submitted by Appellants' on January 27, 2000.

Detailed Action

The information disclosure statement submitted on May 17, 1999 was filed after the mailing date of the final Office Action on April 17, 1995. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the petition is granted and the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

The information disclosure statement filed February 25, 2000 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because Applicants did not submit a certification as required under 37 CFR $1.97(e)^1$. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Appellant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 ¶ C(1).

This application is being returned to the **Board of Appeals and Interferences**.

¹ Applicants statement regarding submission under 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) is taken as a constructive petition to charge the fee required under §1.17(I), however, no fee has been charged in view of the failure to certify as noted.

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